SERVES YOU RIGHT!!
AHAHAHAHA...
YOU DON'T QUALIFY TO BE A MODEL!!
WHY IS THIS HAP-PENING?!
WHY?!

GASP!
...I WAS DREAM-ING...
.....
.....
CLENCH
THAT PART... WASN'T A DREAM.
sniff
BUT I.
.....
I REALLY DID FAIL THE FASHION SHOW MODEL AUDITION YESTER-DAY...

I REALLY, REALLY...
WANTED TO BE IN THAT MEZZO PIANO FASHION SHOW...!
WHY?! I DON'T UNDER-STAND!!
SHE REALLY DID SAY I FAIL AS A MODEL...
EVERY-ONE ELSE SAID THINGS LIKE "IT REALLY SUITS HER"...
I WANTED TO BE IN THAT SHOW...
...AND SHOW THAT PERSON WHAT'S WHAT.
IT'S NOT FAIR!!

CLICK
SWISH
MORNING!
DUMBASS
NOT AGAIN!
WHO COULD HAVE...?!

SHOVE
WHAT'RE YOU JUST STANDING THERE FOR? SERIOUSLY, YOU'RE SUCH A BITCH.
.....
SMA
U
-CK!!
U

SMASH
LEAVE ME ALONE ALREADY!!
WHY DO YOU KEEP DOING THESE THINGS TO ME?!

I HATE YOU SO MUCH!!
I DIDN'T GET INTO THE FASHION SHOW...
...AND NOW I'M ALL UPSET...
WHY...?!
WHY DO I HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS?!
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!!

THAT'S BETTER
HUH?
THAT PISSED-OFF LOOK IS THE REAL YOU.
NOT THOSE SMILES YOU FAKE.
SHRASH!!
AACK!
NOW GET OUTTA MY WAY!!
WHY, YOU...

SLAP!!
BANG
AAAH!!
FIGHT!!
NINA!!

WHAT D'YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
LET ME GO!!
NINA!!
A MODEL CAN'T GET HER FACE BEATEN IN.
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?
FINE, WHATEVER! LEAVE ME ALONE!!
HMPH
.....

THIS SUCKS!!
WHY DO THESE THINGS ONLY HAPPEN TO ME?!
WHIIINE
WHIIIIINE
SHUT UP!!
FLINCH
...AH...
GASP

I'M SORRY...
WHY DID I YELL AT COO AND COCOTT...?
SWEET STRAWBERRY
YOU WERE JUST WORRIED ABOUT ME, WEREN'T YOU?
ALL RIGHT THEN!
I THINK WE'LL ALL FEEL BETTER AFTER A LITTLE WALK!
PERK UP!
HA HA HA YOU'LL WAG YOUR TAILS OFF, YOU KNOW!

BEING OUT HERE ALMOST MAKES ME FORGET ALL ABOUT EVERYTHING BAD...
SO PRETTY...
SWEET STRAWBERRY
...AH!
SLIP
...BUT STILL...
WAH
OH NO!
I FELL ON SOMEONE...
GUH!
DASH!
HEY, WAIT!
EEEK!

AW, JEEZ, YOU TWO, KNOCK IT OFF...!
...IT'S...!
UGH, I HAVE TO SEE YOUR UGLY MUG OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL, TOO?
WHAT?!
UGLY?!
SWEET STRAWBERRY

HOW DOES SHE KNOW MY DOGS' NAMES?
WAIT, HUH?
AND YOU MUST BE COCOTT.
SO YOU'RE COO...
CRAP
YOU HAVE A MEZZO PIANO PURSE?
AH?

N-NOT AT ALL!!
SWEET
YOU THINK IT DOESN'T SUIT ME, DON'T YOU?
TH-THEN, I GUESS IT IS A LITTLE STRANGE...
AH...
I HATE LIARS.
DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO SPEND,
SO ALL I GOT IS TIME.
JUST KILLING TIME.
NO-THING MUCH.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ALL THE WAY OUT HERE?
THEY DON'T GIVE A DAMN WHAT I GET UP TO.
MY FOLKS'RE ONLY INTER-ESTED IN THEM-SELVES...

...BUT I'M NOT AN ADULT, SO I CAN'T JUST DO WHATEVER.
...YEAH.
DO YOU LIKE DOGS?
MEZZO PIANO'S CUTE, ISN'T IT?
BUT A WHILE AGO...
LOOK, I KNOW IT'S NOT THE KIND OF THING YOU'D EXPECT FROM ME.

I SAW YOUR PICTURE IN THIS MAGA-ZINE,
AND I THOUGHT YOU LOOKED REALLY GOOD IN THOSE MEZZO PIANO CLOTHES.
HUH?!
SO AFTER THAT I CHECKED EVERY ISSUE TO SEE IF YOU'D BE THERE.
THAT'S HOW I LEARNED YOUR DOGS' NAMES, TOO.
YOU'VE GOT A MOM WHO ACTUALLY CARES WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU,
AND THE HOUSE YOU LIVE IN IS REALLY NICE.
I TRIED TO GUESS WHAT KIND OF A GIRL YOU HAD TO BE.
YOUR PHOTOS WERE ALL SO CUTE AND SPARKLY.
I FIGURED YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CARE IN THE WORLD
AND THAT IT'D BE NICE IF I COULD BE LIKE YOU...
IF I CARRIED AROUND SOMETHING BY MEZZO PIANO, I GUESS I THOUGHT I COULD GET CLOSER TO BEING LIKE YOU.

I WISHED I WERE BORN LIKE YOU.
HIROKA...
-SAN...
YOU WERE MY DREAM SELF, I GUESS.
WH...?!
...I CAN'T STAND YOU!!
SO THAT'S WHY...

WHENEVER I HAVE TO LOOK AT YOU IN PERSON...
...I GET ALL CONFUSED AND DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO
.....
WHAT IN THE... WORLD?
HEY, HEY, LET'S DRAW ALL OVER THIS, TOO!
FWOOSH
WHY NOT? A HA HA!
HOW CAN SUCH AN UGLY BITCH CALL HERSELF A MODEL? THIS'LL SHOW HER!
1-A
SNICKER
SNICKER

...HEY!
GASP
EVERY-ONE'LL BLAME IT ON HIROKA, ANYWAY!
YEAH, YEAH! JUST LIKE WHEN WE CUT UP HER STUPID PICTURE AND HER SHOES.
HA HA HA HA!
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE STARTED A FIGHT WITH HER OVER THE MUD WE DUMPED ON HER SHOES!!
WHAT A MORON!
HOW PETTY. DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW STUPID AND WORTHLESS THIS IS?
...SHUT IT.
THE STUFF I DO IS WAY MORE BOLD, AND I DO IT OUT IN THE OPEN.
YEAH! AND DON'T YOU TOTALLY HATE NINA, ANYWAY?
WH-WHAT WAS THAT?!
YOU DO WORSE THINGS EVERY DAY!!

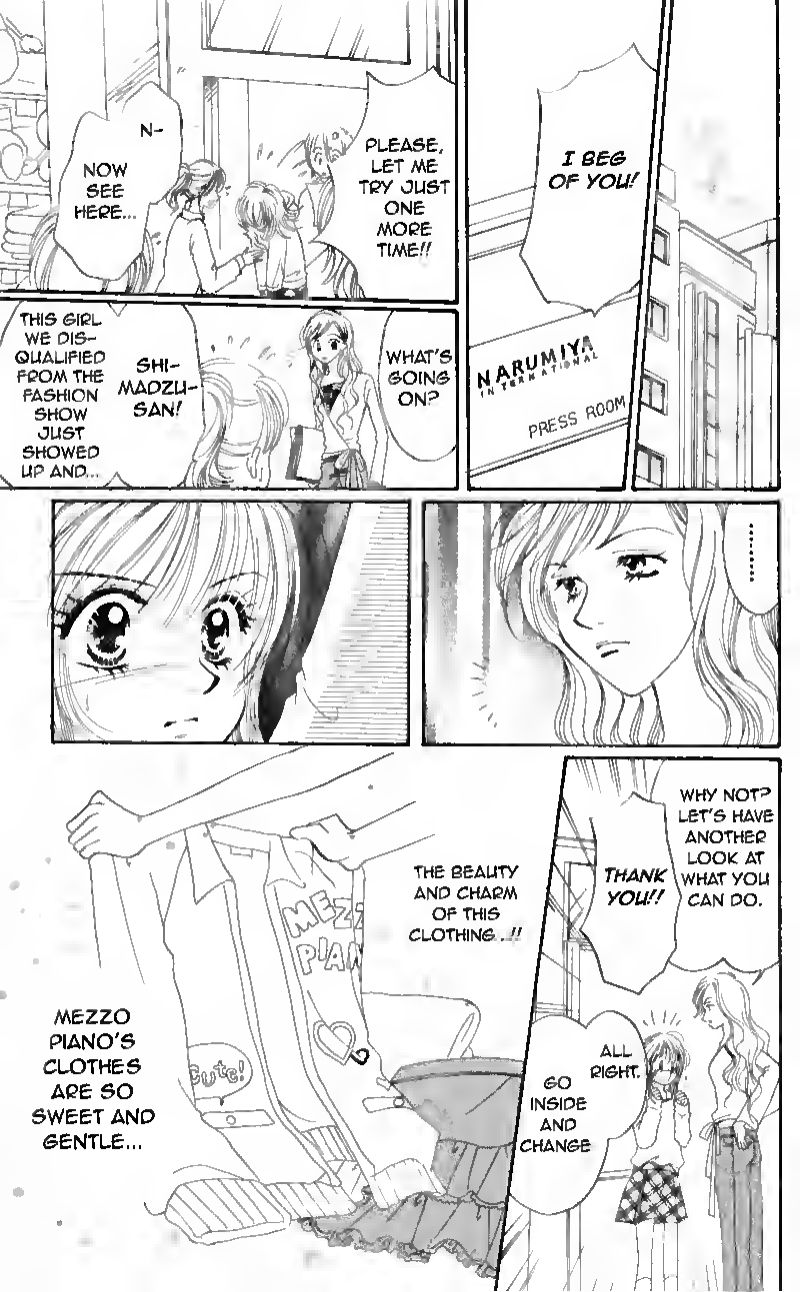
ALL I DO IS REVENGE FOR WHAT'S DONE TO ME.
PLUS,
URP
LIKE, SAY, FRAMING ME FOR STUFF I DIDN'T DO
D-DON'T YOU DARE MAKE FOOLS OUT OF US!!
IN MY WAY
FWSH
IF YOU GET ON MY BAD SIDE, I'M NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENS. QUIT DOING THIS COWARDLY SHIT.
HMPH.
OH NO!
ASAHI-KUN!!
HE'S SEEN US!

THANKS FOR PROTE-CTING NINA.
WHAT.
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS A RIGHT TO HASSLE HER.
DON'T TAKE IT THE WRONG WAY.
SMASH

SHE NEVER DENIED ANY OF IT...!
I BLAMED HIROKA FOR ALL OF THOSE THINGS, BUT...
ASAHI, ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
AND THAT'S WHAT HAP-PENED.
IT STILL HURTS...
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU TOLD ME HAPPENED YESTERDAY
AND HERE'S WHAT I THINK IS GOING ON
SHE SPENT MONTHS ADMIRING YOU FROM AFAR.
THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, THERE YOU WERE, RIGHT BEFORE HER EYES.
YOU WERE LAUGHING AND TALKING WITH EVERYONE,
HAVING A GRAND OLD TIME

SIIIGH
WELL, I COULD BE OFF. IT'S JUST A POSSIBILITY.
DOES ANY OF THIS SEEM OFF?
BUT SHE COULDN'T JOIN IN AND LAUGH WITH YOU.
YOU WERE RIGHT THERE, BUT SHE COULDN'T HAVE YOU
IF SHE COULDN'T HAVE YOU TO HERSELF,
SHE DECIDED SHE WOULD DESTROY YOU.
CAN'T SAY I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT FEELS.
I THINK SHE DOES WANT TO EXPRESS HER LOVE.
I'VE ONLY BEEN LOOKING AT HER EXTERIOR!
WHAT HAVE I BEEN DOING? WHAT HAVE I BEEN THINKING?!

I WAS WEARING MEZZO PIANO, BUT I DIDN'T HAVE THE SAME FEELINGS.
I GET IT NOW!! AT THE AUDITION...
OH!
I THOUGHT YOU LOOKED REALLY GOOD...
SO CUTE YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CARE IN THE WORLD
I FORGOT WHY I'D BECOME A MODEL IN THE FIRST PLACE!!
I FORGOT ALL ABOUT HOW I WANTED PEOPLE TO LOOK AT ME...
THAT I WANTED TO SHOW PEOPLE THE BEAUTY OF MEZZO PIANO...
I JUST WANTED TO GET INTO THE FASHION SHOW SO I COULD PROVE HIROKA WRONG.
I WAS TOTALLY PREOCCUPIED WITH THAT THOUGHT.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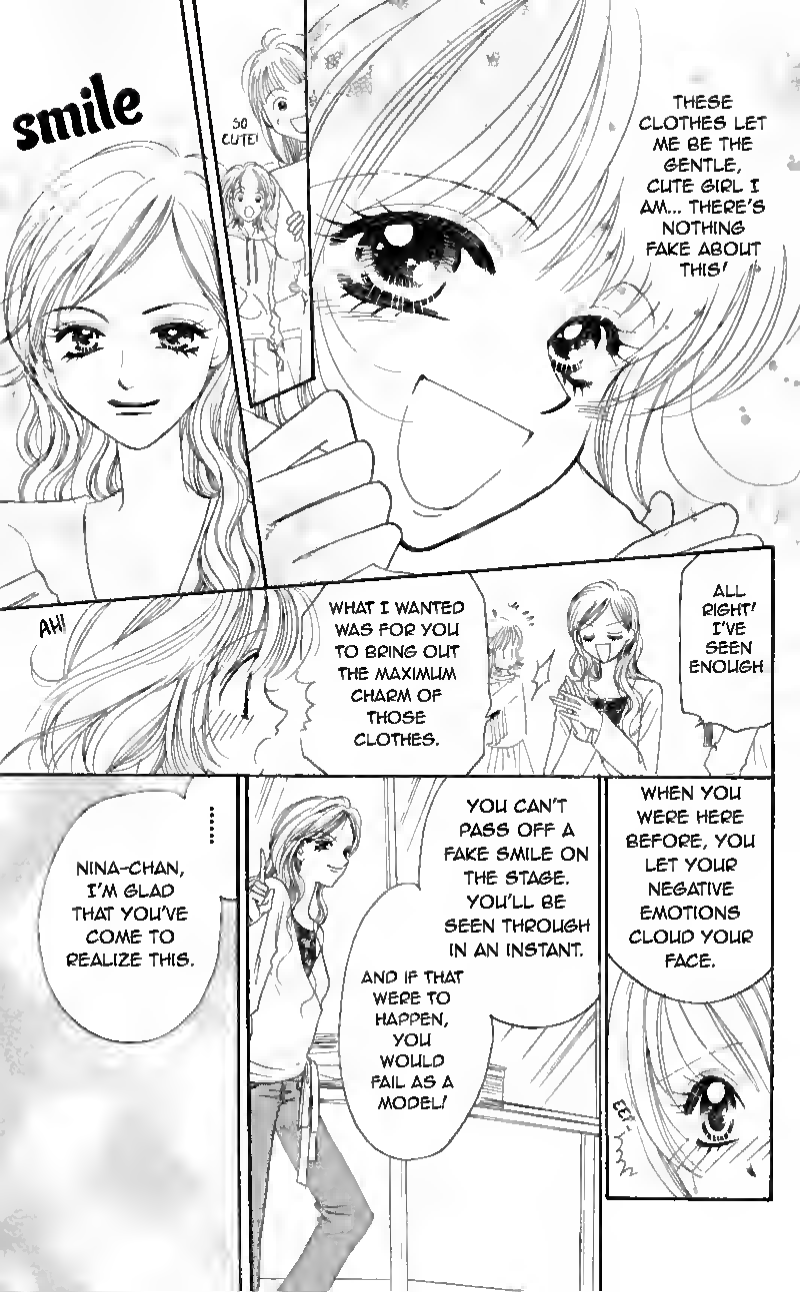
NOW SEE HERE...
PLEASE, LET ME TRY JUST ONE MORE TIME!!
I BEG OF YOU!
NARUMIYA INTERNATIONAL
PRESS ROOM
THIS GIRL WE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE FASHION SHOW JUST SHOWED UP AND...
SHIMADZU-SAN!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
.....
WHY NOT? LET'S HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AT WHAT YOU CAN DO.
THANK YOU!!
ALL RIGHT. GO INSIDE AND CHANGE
THE BEAUTY AND CHARM OF THIS CLOTHING..!!
MEZZO PIANO'S CLOTHES ARE SO SWEET AND GENTLE...

bounce
LOOK! SEE HOW LIGHT MY HEART IS WHEN I'M DRESSED LIKE THIS!!
I WANT EVERYONE TO SEE...
I WANT EVERYONE TO BE AS HAPPY AS I AM RIGHT NOW!!
ME, WEARING MEZZO PIANO'S CLOTHING!
IF ONLY EVERY-BODY COULD JUST LET GO OF THEIR BAD FEE-LINGS...!
MEZZO PIANO
SWEET & HAPPY


smile
SO CUTE!
THESE CLOTHES LET ME BE THE GENTLE, CUTE GIRL I AM... THERE'S NOTHING FAKE ABOUT THIS!
AH!
WHAT I WANTED WAS FOR YOU TO BRING OUT THE MAXIMUM CHARM OF THOSE CLOTHES.
ALL RIGHT! I'VE SEEN ENOUGH
WHEN YOU WERE HERE BEFORE, YOU LET YOUR NEGATIVE EMOTIONS CLOUD YOUR FACE.
EE!
YOU CAN'T PASS OFF A FAKE SMILE ON THE STAGE. YOU'LL BE SEEN THROUGH IN AN INSTANT.
AND IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN, YOU WOULD FAIL AS A MODEL!
NINA-CHAN, I'M GLAD THAT YOU'VE COME TO REALIZE THIS.
.....

HURRAY!!
THE SHOW'S IN ONE WEEK. WE'LL HAVE TO RUSH TO GET YOU UP TO SPEED.
SHEESH IT'S GOOD YOU CAME IN TODAY
YOU CAN STOP HOLDING YOUR BREATH!
AHH!!
MY DISCIPLINE'S NOT THAT BAD
I'M GOING TO...
I'M REALLY GOING TO BE IN THE NARUMIYA INTER-NATIONAL FASHION SHOW...!!

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